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SUBJ: SYG WALDHEIM CONCLUDES TEHRAN VISIT

REF: TEHRAN 0459

1. SYG WALDHEIM, DURING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAN, HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH, WAS RECEIVED BY PRINCESS ASHRAF AND HELD MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS HIGH LEVEL GOI LEADERS. HIS ONE HOUR MEETING WITH THE SHAH REPORTEDLY FOCUSED ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, CYPRUS, DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND ENERGY MATTERS. THE SHAH ALSO BRIEFED THE SYG ON HIS RECENT VISITS TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO ADOPT A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM. WHILE IN IRAN WALDHEIM AND HIS WIFE VISITED ISFAHAN AND WERE GUESTS AT A LUNCH GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. THE SYG LEFT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CYPRUS ON JAN 14.

2. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, THE SYG WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE WILL NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS IN JERUSALEM: "I WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE BUT I WILL NOT GO BECAUSE THERE IS NO MANDATE FOR ME AND

I SEE NO SPECIFIC ROLE FOR THE SYG". HE ADDED THAT IN ORDER TO INCLUDE ALL PARTIES IN THE PEACE EFFORTS, A FOLLOW UP MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT A PALESTINIAN "ENTITY" MUST EXIST BUT DID NOT SPECIFY THE FORM OF SUCH AN ENTITY.

3. OTHER TOPICS TOUCHED ON BY THE SYG INCLUDED PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS. HE COMMENTED THAT "THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMEMENT IS AN ATTEMPT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CALL THE WORLD'S ATTENTION TO THE ARMS RACE". IN HIS TOAST DURING A DINNER GIVEN BY FONMIN KHALATBARY, WALDHEIM PRAISED IRAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UN, REFERRING TO IRAN'S CONTINUED SUPPORT SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE UN AND THE COUNTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING FORCE, AS WELL AS "IRAN'S CONCERN FOR SOCIAL AND PHILANTHROPIC PROBLEMS AS REFLECTED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF PRINCESS ASHRAF".

4. COMMENT: LOCAL UN SOURCE HAS INFORMED US THAT SYG'S VISIT REMAINED IN LOW KEY; IT FOCUSED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI LEADERS ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS SUCH AS MIDDLE EAST AND APPARENTLY DID NOT INCLUDE MORE SENSITIVE ISSUES SUCH AS DOMESTIC HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY SPENT GOOD PORTION OF VISIT REVIEWING UNCLASSIFIED

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